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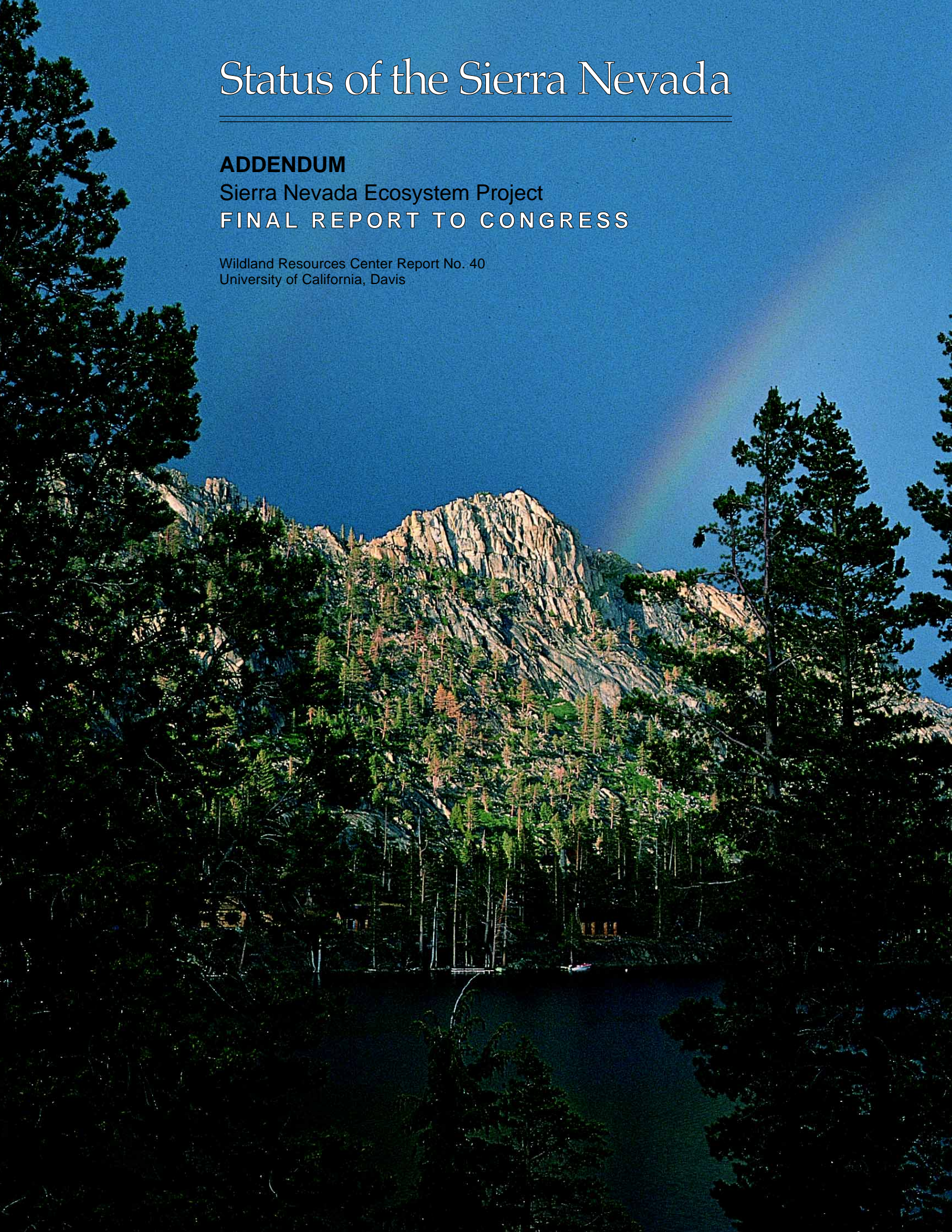
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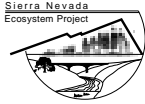
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## ***Preface***

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This addendum of eight chapters completes the work of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project Final Report to Congress. The first six chapters are an integrated set of reports that lay the framework for simulating alternative late successional conservation strategies and forest management policies in the Sierra Nevada. From that framework a limited set of alternatives in two large areas of the range are examined through the application of new models that combine forest growth, watershed disturbance, natural and managed fire, and timber harvest. The alternatives and simulations presented here, as elsewhere in the volumes of the report, are not intended to exhaust the possible choices but rather highlight some important options, link what we know about critical interacting parts of the system, and stimulate other ideas for future management of Sierran forests and watersheds. The final chapters are case studies of two of the more important symbols of the range: Lake tahoe and giant sequoia. In both cases the amount of scientific and policy information developed over the years is substantial and well beyond the purpose of SNEP to completely summarize. The intent of these studies is to sketch in broader terms how smaller scale examples can inform our understanding of something as large and complex as the entire range. The purpose of these chapters and all work accomplished under the Project is to assist Congress, the public, and others to understand better the conditions, trends, and options for the future of the Sierra Nevada ecosystem. The complete report includes the Executive Summary, volumes I, II, and III, and this addendum.

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